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**SITA AIRCOM Datalink
Implementation Status**

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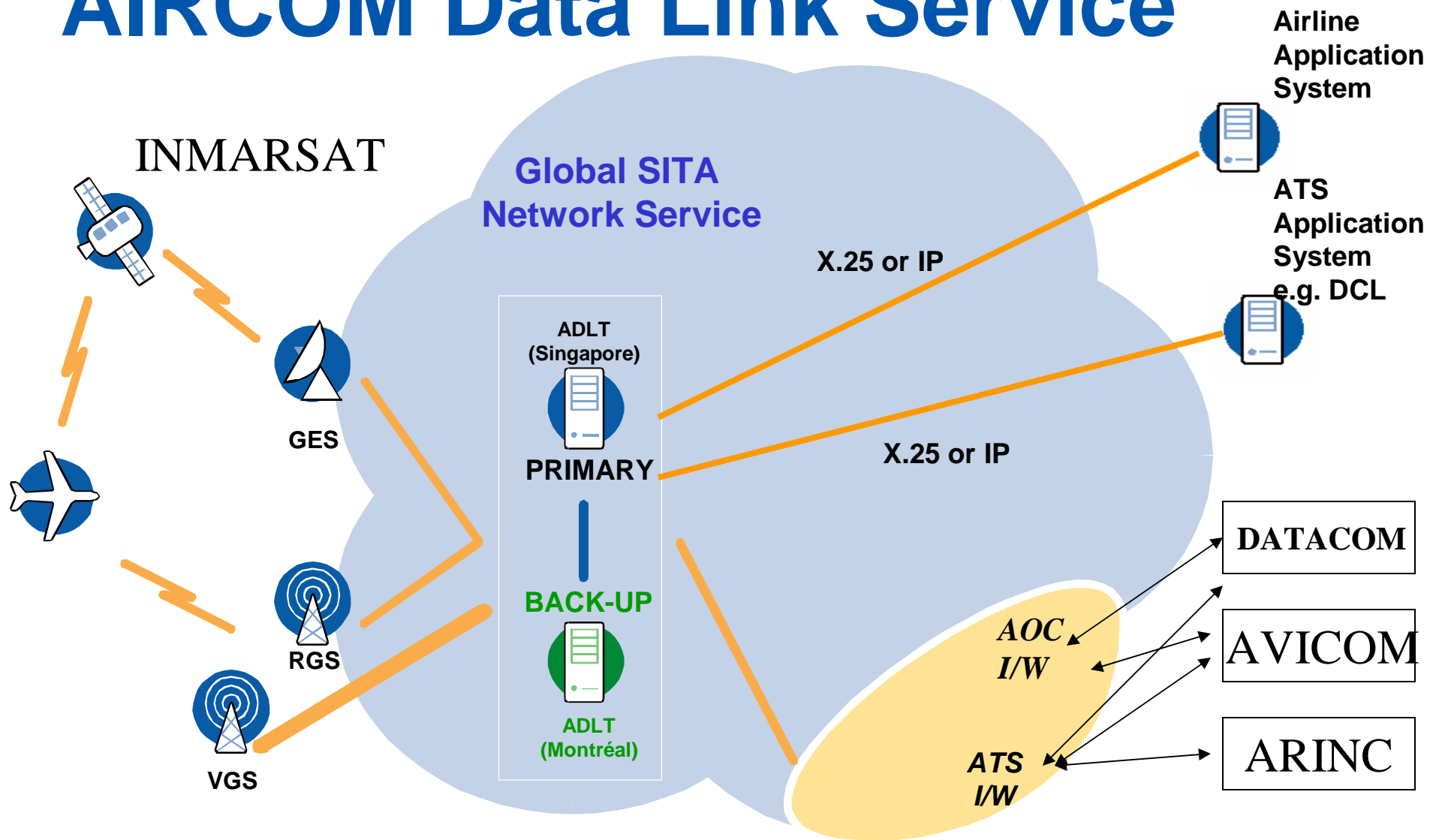
- **Airlines have been using it for over 20 years for Operational Communications**
- **Air Navigation Service Providers have been using it for over 15 years for initial ATC applications**
- **Global coverage via VHF and Satellite media**
- **Over 10,000 aircraft are equipped with ACARS data link**
- **CPDLC/ATN/VDL2, as being implemented by Link2000+, is a significant next step forward to enable delivery of increasingly sophisticated ATC messages**

ATS Datalink Implementations*

- **Addressable point-to-point**
 - Initial ATS ACARS-based implementations
 - PDC
 - DCL
 - ATIS
 - OCL
 - TWIP
 - DDTC
 - FANS-1/A CPDLC, ADS-C (aka ADS-A) (ACARS-Based, Links: POA, VDL Mode 2/AOA, SATCOM Data-2)
 - ATN-Based CPDLC via VDL Mode 2/ATN
- **Broadcast**
 - FIS-B (VDL Mode 2 broadcast-based and UAT-based in US)
 - TIS-B (UAT- and 1090 Mode S ES-based in US)
 - ADS-B (UAT- and 1090 Mode S ES-based in US)

* Above are examples of some of the ATS datalink implementations around the world, some of which are implemented in the US.

AIRCOM Data Link Service



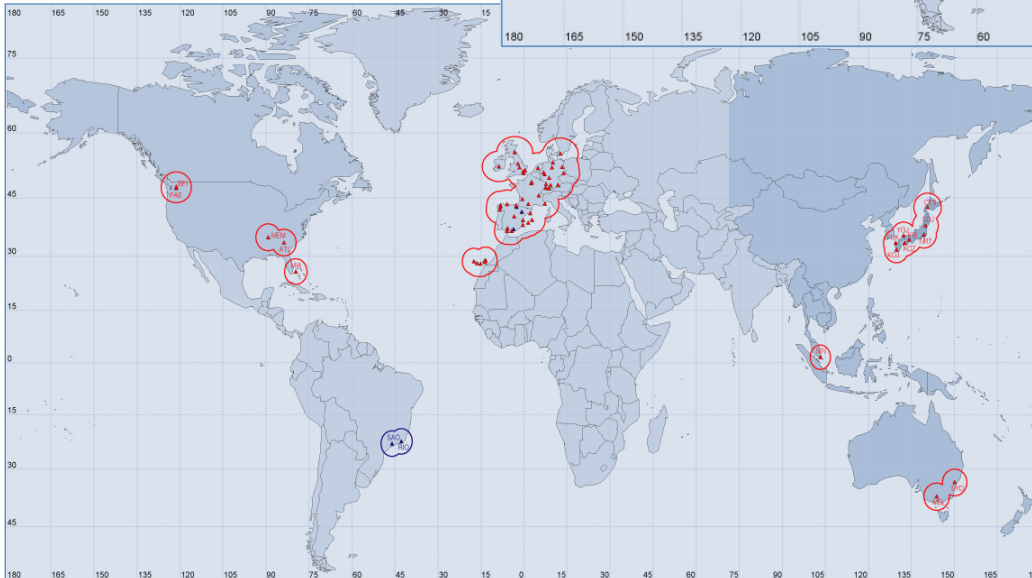
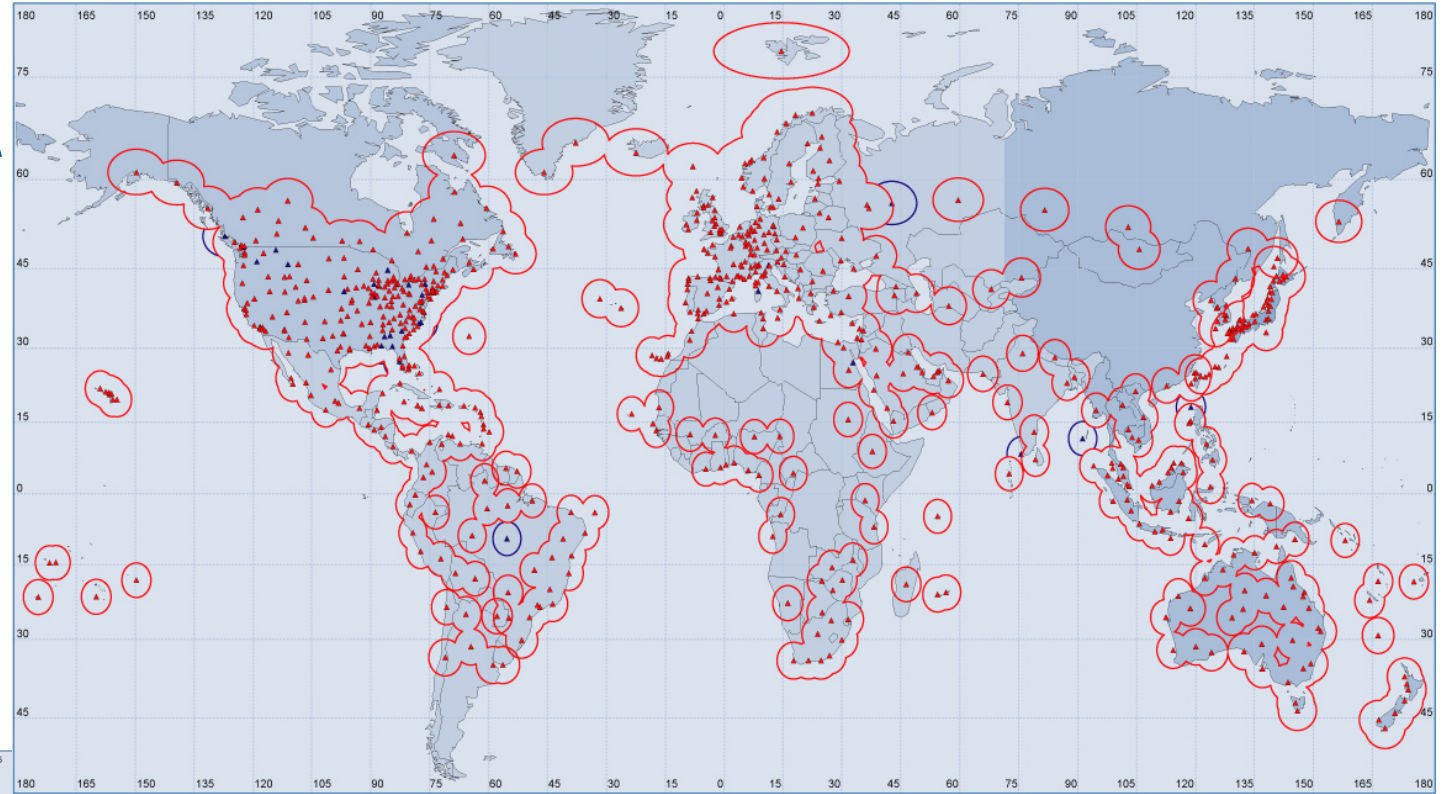
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VHF Coverage*

- World's largest a/g VHF datalink network with 855 Ground stations worldwide in over 152 countries.
- 150 contracted airlines serving 5000+ aircraft.

* As of January 2005. On-line in red, planned in blue.



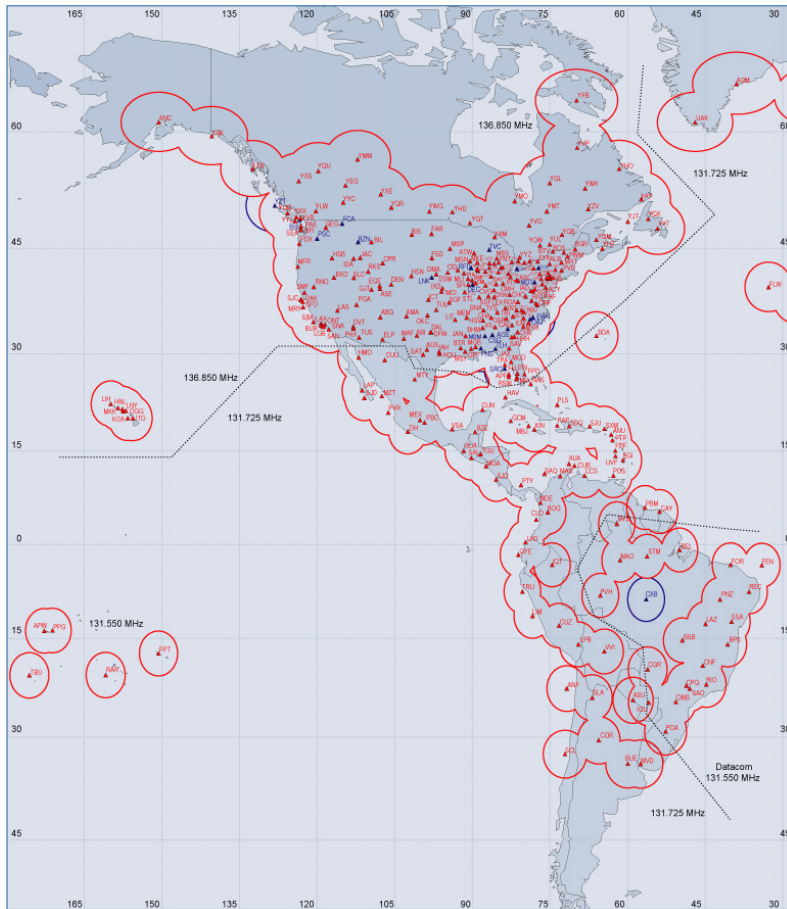
VDL Mode 2 Coverage

- 50 VDL Mode 2 sites on-line as of April 28, 2005

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Americas VHF AIRCOM ACARS Coverage*

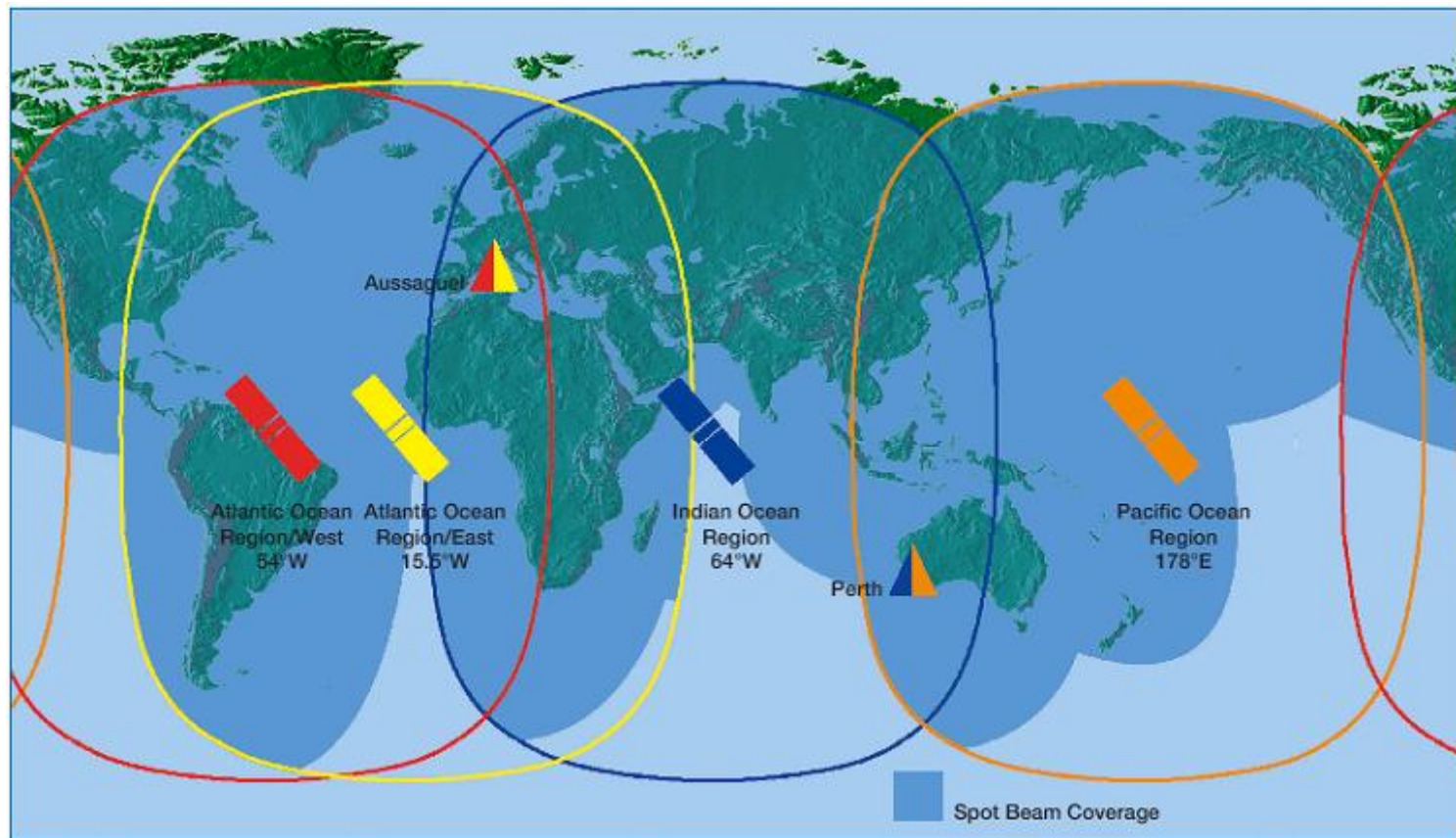


- **VHF AIRCOM Coverage in North America as of April 28, 2005:**
 - **209 Ground Stations in US**
 - **43 Ground Stations in Canada**
 - **13 Ground Stations in Mexico**
 - **SITA committed to expand number of ground stations in North America to 330 by November 2005**
 - **7 NAM airlines using SITA VHF in NAM**

* Map as of January 2005, Altitude 30,000 feet-On-line RGS** are in red, planned are in blue

** Close to 50 of the stations in the US are actually the SITA next generation VHF Ground Stations, referred to as VGSSs, which are capable of supporting VDL Mode 2 and VHF ACARS in parallel. Five of the US VGSSs have a radio configured for VDL Mode 2.

Worldwide Satellite AIRCOM Coverage



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Future Trends

- **ACARS VHF networks have typically been deployed by the airline communications service providers SITA and ARINC**
- **Some Air Navigation Service providers in the Link2000+ program want to continue with this arrangement**
 - **Nav Portugal, Eurocontrol Maastricht**
- **Others prefer to take on responsibility themselves for the VHF network infrastructure provision and operation in partnership with an airline service provider**
 - **DFS, AENA**

ATN Implementations

- **US FAA Initial Daily Use of CPDLC Build 1 in Miami on October 7, 2002. No longer in use as of October 1, 2004. Ongoing work on datalink roadmap development.**
- **Eurocontrol ATN Controller Pilot Data Link program (Link2000+) calls for aircraft in high density airspace to use ATN messaging over VDL Mode 2 for CPDLC.**
 - **Three step approach**
 - **Pioneer Airlines**
 - **Incentives**
 - **Mandate**
 - **All Link2000+ area upper airspace to be covered by 2009**
 - **Maastricht UAC (Eurocontrol) (Service Available Now), Karlsruhe UAC (DFS), Reims ACC (DSNA), Roma ACC (ENAV), Lisboa ACC (Nav Portugal), Switzerland UAC (Skyguide), Canarias ACC (AENA), Shannon UAC (IAA)**

SITA and Link2000+

- **Airlines that have elected to use the SITA ATN Service include:**
 - **Lufthansa (20 A320)**
 - **Federal Express (15+ A310)**
 - **Air Berlin (2 B737)**
 - **Air Europa (19 B737)**
 - **Hapag-Lloyd (20 B737)**
- **Air Navigation Service Providers that have elected to use or partner with SITA include:**
 - **DFS in Germany (Partner)**
 - **AENA in Spain (Partner)**
 - **NAV EP in Portugal**
 - **Eurocontrol Maastricht UACC (via “internetworking”)**

Maastricht UACC use of SITA ACARS for FANS-1/A

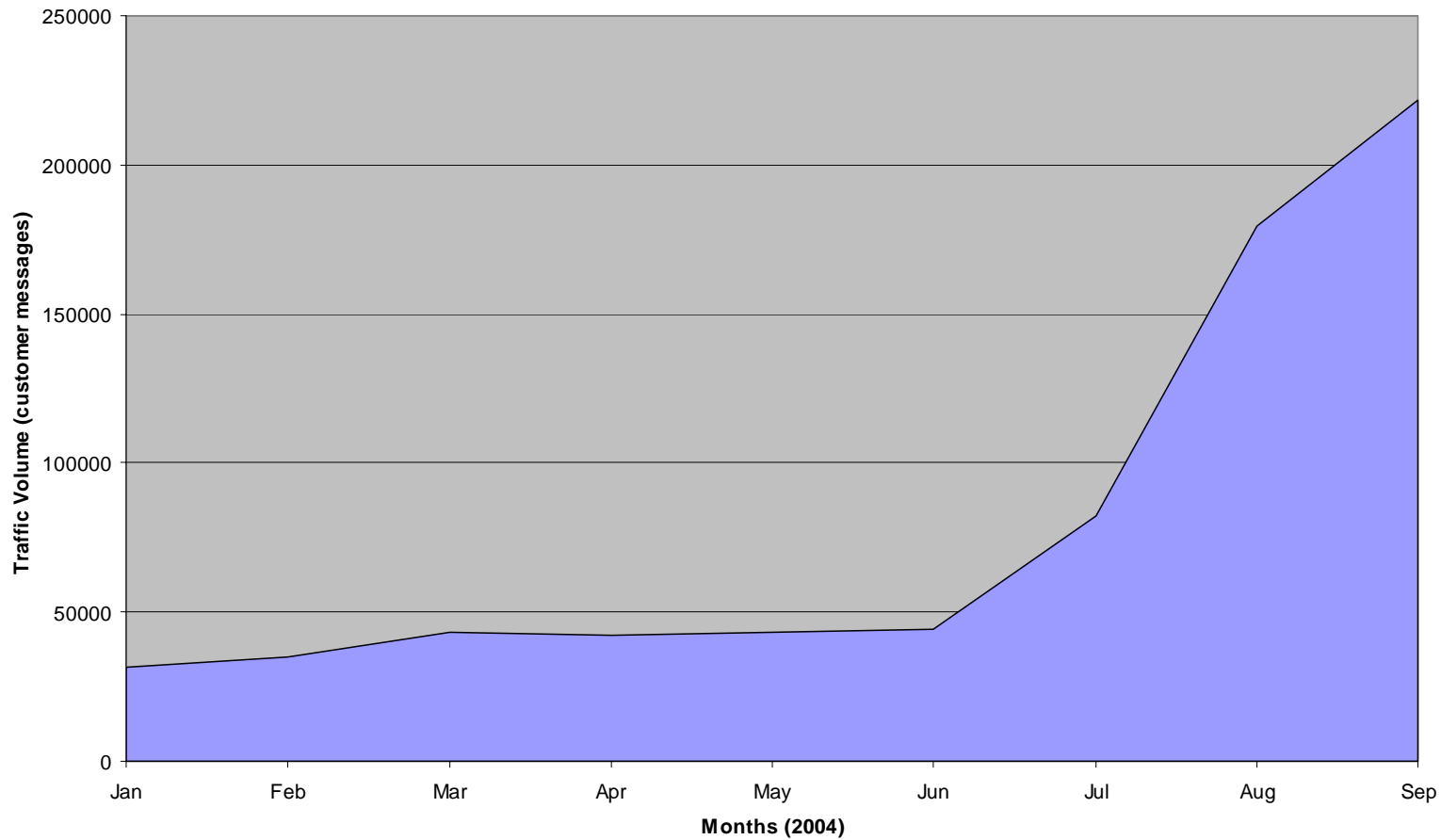
- **Maastricht UACC started “accommodating” FANS 1/A equipped aircraft in PETAL Phase 2 and this path generated the vast majority of the PETAL CPDLC traffic**
- **Maastricht’s PETAL system used the SITA ACARS services to communicate with FANS-1/A aircraft and the new Link 2000+ CPDLC applications continues to use the SITA ACARS service for FANS-1/A aircraft.**
- **Link2000+ States need to make a collective decision on whether or not to accommodate FANS 1/A aircraft**
- **Numbers of FANS 1/A equipped aircraft is expected to continue to rise**
- **FANS 1/A aircraft will be exempt from the planned Mandate**

VDL Customers

- **Operators using the SITA VDL Service include:**
 - **AAL (25), AEA (4) , AFL (18), AFR (15), DLH (17), FDX (12), JAL (12), QFA (19), RAM (2), SWR, TRS (3), UVA (2)**
 - **Average monthly total of 170 VDL equipped aircraft**

VDL Traffic

VDL Total Traffic carried by SITA

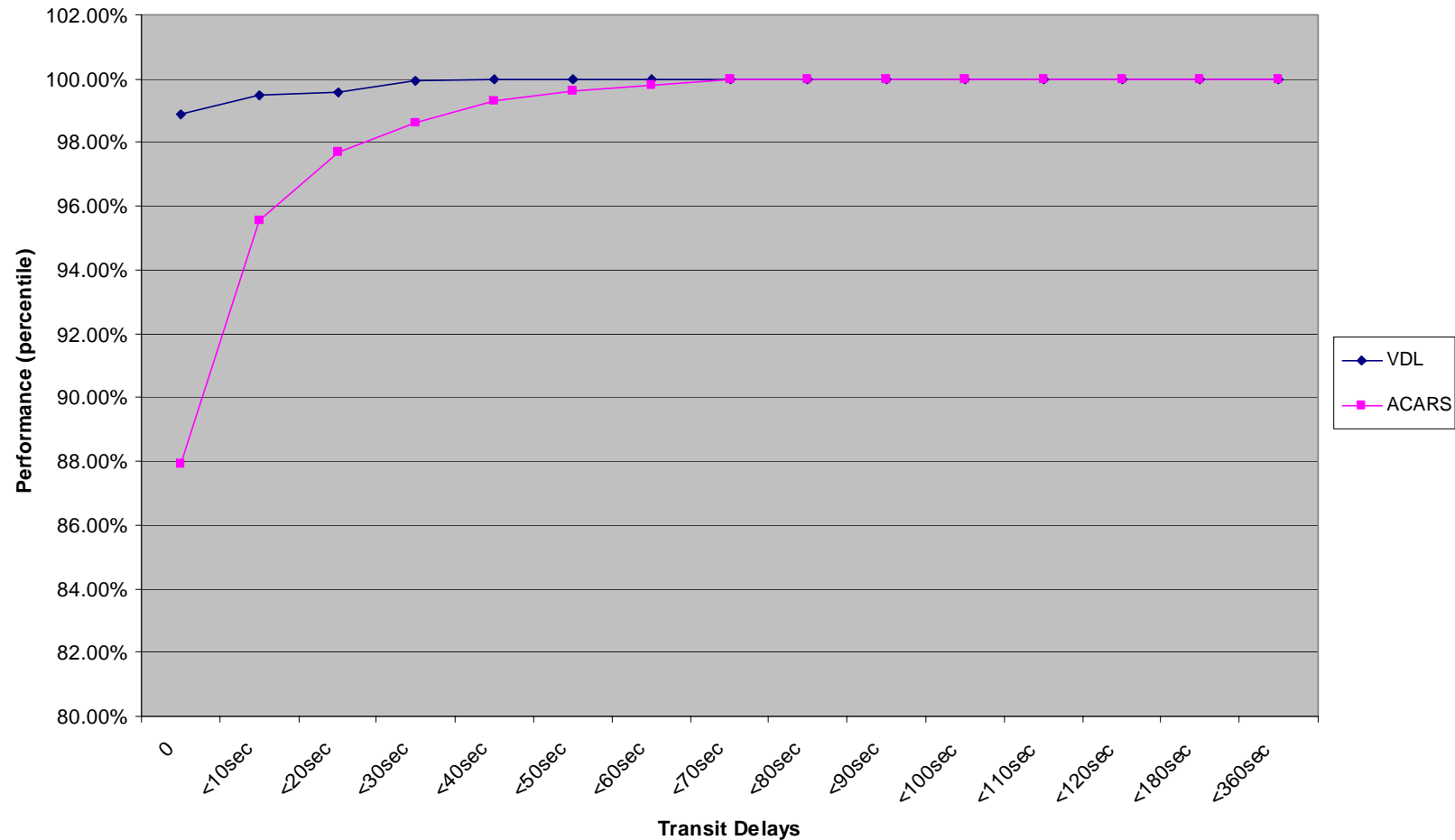


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VDL Performance

Comparison of VDL and ACARS performance on the AIRCOM Network
(trailing 6 months)



ATN/VDL Performance

- Evaluated via Eurocontrol laboratory testing/Eurocontrol flight trials/Air Europa delivery flights and Air Europa revenue flights
 - Over 22 flight hours of service evaluation
 - Average application level round trip delay is around the two second mark
 - Eurocontrol PSG/12 quote...

- **SITA testing completed through extensive flight trials**

- Ready to go into service

Future CNS Services – ADS-B

- **Given the European mandate for Mode S surveillance which will result in all new AIRBUS and Boeing aircraft implementing the ADS-B “out” capability by 2006**
 - **October 22, 2004-Airservices Australia and SITA announced they are jointly examining the provision of Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B) services to the air navigation service providers in the Asia-Pacific region.**
 - **The announcement has generated considerable interest with the ATS Providers around the world.**
 - **The IATA Asia/Pac RCG has established a 7 airline member ADS-B Task Force.**
 - **SITA/Airservices plan to establish an initial trial/demo implementation by the end of this year in the region.**
 - **SITA, together with QinetiQ is currently implementing an ADS-B trial implementation.**

IP Based Solutions

- **SITA Flightlink, based on Inmarsat Swift64, providing aircraft with 64 kbits/sec + communications in two modes.**
 - **Circuit-mode Mobile ISDN Service (MISDN)**
 - **Mobile Packet Data Service (MPDS)**
- **Aircraft can use SITA Flightlink for airborne video conferencing and other in-flight office services.**
- **In future, Swiftbroadband to be enabled through next generation Inmarsat I-4 Satellites providing a nominal data rate of 432 kbps.**
- **Aircraft can use SITA Flightlink to provide IP service to Electronic Flight Bags enabling new applications.**
- **IP Over VDL Mode 2**
 - **SITA has demonstrated in lab environment.**
 - **Discussions in AEEC Datalink Systems Subcommittee.**

Satellite Cockpit Voice benefits

- **Cockpit voice in Oceanic and Remote regions**
 - Outside VHF coverage the voice communications alternatives are HF and satellite.
- **HF Voice drawbacks**
 - Interference, variability and delays
 - No Direct pilot/controller channel
- **Benefits of Satellite Voice**
 - Pilots talk directly to controllers
 - Enables complex communications
 - Easy management of low probability / high cost events
- **Air Traffic Service Providers in the North Atlantic, South Africa Air Traffic and Navigation Services, and possibly others investigating use of Satellite Voice**





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